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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME  
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Formal drawings (Figs. 1A-41; 31 sheets) are attached.  
 Use Figure \_\_\_\_\_ for front page of Publication.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)

This patent application is assigned to TDK CORPORATION and SAE MAGNETICS (H.K.) LTD.  
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  
 Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Priority of foreign applications No. 2002-288872 filed October 1, 2002 in JAPAN and No. 2002-302982 filed October 17, 2002 in JAPAN are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign applications are filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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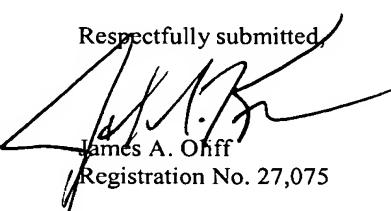
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